Mysore: Permanent historical records over 30 years old and non-permanent historical records over 25 years old are open for research. Copies of the printed Government orders from 1926 onwards can, however, be examined.

Orissa: The Government have revised theresearch rules. The records more than fifty years old have been thrown open for research.

> Resolution XIV: The Commission notes with regret that in most of the Universities records are ill-maintained and papers of historical value are irretrievably lost. As such it resolves that Universities be requested to entrust the care of their records to officers who have had training in archives-keeping, consult historians of standing in selecting records for permanent retention, and also maintain them on scientific lines as a separate entity.

Berhampur University: The Post-Graduate Department of History of the University desires to open an Archives Unit to collect the abundant archival materials lying scattered in some regions of Orissa.

(Please also see Standing Committee's remarks regarding Berhampur University at p.55).

II. Resolutions of the 39th Session, Patna, 25-27 December, 1968

> Resolution V: The Commission recommends that the records of the President of India and the Governors of the States may be preserved in their own premises in an archival manner.

Mysore: The Mysore State Archives is till in the process of being set up. After the Department is fully constituted, the records in the Raj Bhawan of Mysore will be examined and a report thereof submitted.

Punjab: The records from 1947-72 of different series, viz. (i) Establishment, (ii) Miscellaneous, (iii) Memorials, (iv) Petitions, (v) Universities, (vi) Assembly Acts/Bills,

(vii) Messages, (viii) Reamployment, (ix) Vidhan Sabha records and (x) Grants Comprising 10,181 files are preserved in the Raj Bhawan.

The records are preserved in the Raj Bhawan in a separate record room under the charge of an official. No special officer has been appointed for the upkeep of the records.

The state of preservation of records is satisfactory and for the present no problem in the preservation of the records has arisen.

Tamil Nadu: The Governor's fortnightly letters to the President of India and the Governor's speeches on important occasions are preserved in an archival manner in the Governor's Secretariat. The records are preserved safe in that Secretariat from damage, dust, vermin etc.

West Bengal: The Governor's Secretariat of the State was duly requested to intimate the action taken by them on the resolution.

> Resolution VI: The Commission resolves that the Government of India be requested to take early steps to obtain microfilm copies of documents scattered in West Asia relating to India's trade with that region.
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> With this end in view, the Commission further resolves that scholars who had knowledge of the languages concerned and the necessary historical background be deputed to the countries to make proper selection of the papers to be obtained.

The National Archives of India had received from the Aligarh Muslim University Library volumes III to VIII of the Catalogues to the Persian Manuscripts in the custody of the Institute of Oriental Studies, Tashkent. Microfilm copies of

the Indexes of these volumes have been prepared. Documents of our interest mentioned in these indexes will be sorted out and their microfilm copies obtained as early as possible. Efforts are being made to obtain volumes I and II of the above Catalogues for the same purpose. The Indian Embassies in West Asia have also been requested to collect the required information from the countries to which they are accredited. Under the Cultural Exchange Programmes finalised with Afghanistan and Yugoslavia for the years 1973 and 1974, Officers of the National Archives of India will be visiting these countries and will collect further necessary information on records of our interest there. Similar Exchange Programme with Iran is being finalised for 1973-75 period. Proposal has also been sent to the Government of India for an Exchange Programme with Iran during 1973-74. The Seminar or Symposium of the Archivists and Historians of the Indian Ocean countries, which is proposed to be held in India during 1974, will also yield sufficient information on records of Indian interest in West Asia.

III. Resolutions of the 40th Session, Madras 18-20 February, 1970

Resolution II: The Commission requests the Secretary to discuss the question of access to the old records of the State Bank of India, especially the papers of the Presidency Banks, with the authorities of the State Bank of India personally and try to obtain their permission so that scholars may be able to consult them.

The State Bank of India has not replied to the letters sent by the Director of Archives, Government of India about the implementation of the resolution. The Chairman, Standing Committee, therefore, addressed a letter to the Chairman of the State Bank of India. Further action on the subject by the State Bank of India is awaited.